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## Friendly Luxembourg Featured

### New Year Project On Two From Japan

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Japan has announced that a single 5 yen stamp was issued December 30 to mark the New Year. In red, reddish yellow, blue, and black, it depicts "Tai-Ebisu" (the god Ebisu) with his catch of "tai" (bream, a small fish), a native toy of Takamatsu.

The design was by Massaru Kimura, with photogravure printing on white unwmk paper in sheets of 20. The edition was 15 million copies.

February 1 has been set as day of issue for a 10y. item to commemorate the completion of the project closing Kojima Bay. This will permit reclaiming much of the bay in Okayama Prefecture and converting it to badly needed farm land.

The new adhesive will show a map of the area and a farm tractor. The designer was Minoru Hisano; printing by photogravure will be on white unwmk paper in sheets of 20 stamps. The edition will be 12 million.

The Philatelic Agency, Tokyo Central Post Office, Tokyo, Japan, reports that fourteen issues of 1958 are still available at its sales department. They are offered at face plus return postage and registration. Collectors may write the agency for lists of these emissions.

### Alaska 7c Commem Released January 3

The 7c airmail commemorative announced several weeks ago to note Alaska's formal acceptance as the 49th state of the Union "around the end of the year" was issued in Juneau, Alaska January 3 on less than one week's notice.

The Post Office Department had all along urged collectors to send their first day covers to Juneau to be held for the event, emphasizing that the day of issue could not be given much advance notice.

The new stamp is blue, featuring a map of Alaska, the North Star and the "Big Dipper". It was designed by Richard C. Lockwood, and is the third to call attention to Alaska. In an edition of 90 million, it will be on sale throughout the entire country as long as the supply lasts.

Stanley Hodziewich, curator of the POD Philatelic Section, attended the first day ceremonies in Juneau and spoke as the official representative of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

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### Pan Am Commem To Be 10c Airmail

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He added that officials of The Cooper Union are planning the program for first day ceremonies to be held there February 27 when the 3c Lincoln Sesquicentennial stamp is placed on sale in New York City. The ceremonies will be held in the same hall where Abraham Lincoln delivered his first eastern speech February 27, 1860, which made him

a national figure.

Those participating in the ceremonies will use the same lectern Lincoln did. Invitations to the ceremony may be secured by writing Frank Culver, The Cooper Union, Cooper Square, New York 3, N. Y.

Charles A. Brooks was responsible for the engraving of the vignette of the 4c Oregon Statehood commemorative to be placed on sale February 14 at Astoria, Ore. The lettering, panel at bottom and star were engraved by John S. Edmondson.

Hodgenville, Ky. is now using a special cancellation "Lincoln's Birthplace Sesquicentennial 1809 - 1959" and will continue to utilize it through December 31.

Those new Americans retained their love for the home country alive in their hearts; they and their descendants have done everything possible to establish a deep friendship between their new home and the Grand Duchy.

### Small European Nation Has Numerous Strong Ties With People Of The United States

Roger Fournelle

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is hardly more than a speck on the map of the world. This small, democratic, independent and sovereign state is tucked between France, Belgium and Germany. And since it has a population of only 300,000 industrious inhabitants, it is surprising that its existence is even known to people in the United States of America.

But it is! First, it's familiar to Americans whose ancestors emigrated by the thousands in the beginning of the last century, when they were compelled by grave economic depressions to find a livelihood which they no longer could obtain in Luxembourg. They built homes in their new country and even founded towns and cities which still remind them of their original motherland: the Luxemburgs of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, to name but a few.



which preceded the Treaty of Versailles, the American president energetically interceded for the rights and just interests of small nations of Europe and became largely instrumental in the rise of the period of prosperity and happiness which Luxembourg enjoyed after the first World War.

Nor have the people of our small nation ever forgotten the name of Franklin D. Roosevelt to whom they owe a debt of heartfelt gratitude for the friendly welcome and comforting encouragement, and invaluable advice he gave to our Grand Ducal Family and Government.

They had been driven out of Europe by the Nazi invaders in 1940, to find refuge in the United States.

Luxembourg was not unfamiliar to President Roosevelt. He was a descendant—on his mother's side—of the noble de Lanno family of Clervaux, a pretty, small town of the Luxembourg Ardennes.

These social, military and political factors have greatly contributed to bring Americans and Luxembourgers close together. But it is above all the postage stamp that has made Luxembourg known to a very large proportion of the population of the United States.



Our stamps, mirroring the social, economic, moral and cultural activities of our small nation with its essentially peaceful aspirations, have aroused the interest of the American people. For they, too, have been animated by the same ideals of liberty and justice. So a philatelic expression of its feelings of admiration for, and gratitude to, the United States was given on two occasions. In 1945 a stamp in the "Homage to the Allies" set was dedicated (Continued on pag 13)

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The LPSC has sponsored the publication of three outstanding contributions to Luxembourg's postal history:

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All persons interested in obtaining information concerning this active group should contact the secretary-treasurer, Warren W. Sadler, whose address is given above.

Cancel Collecting In  
American Philatelist

A how-to-do-it article on cancellation collecting is featured in the November issue of the "American Philatelist", monthly journal of the American Philatelic Society.

The author, Fred W. Noske, writes that he became bored with stamps as such, after finding that his collections of 20th century commemoratives and 19th century postage were about like any other collection in the same field. So he began collecting distinctive cancellations of the world.

"The many common stamps of all the large stamp-issuing countries provided a large reservoir of collectible material at hardly any or very nominal costs," says Noske. "Mission mixtures, bulk lots, cheap approvals, dealers' odds and ends, and collectors' duplicates provided just the material to start."

Another article in the how-to-do-it category is "The Entertainment Chairman and Your Club", by John Whittlesey, offering dozens of ideas for stamp club programs.

The November issue also carries the second installment of a topical study series on "The Day of the Stamp", by Barbara R. Mueller; another "Fundamentals of Philately" article by L. N. and M. Williams; reviews of the 1959 Scott, Minkus and other catalogs, and the monthly new issues chronicle.

Stamp Covered Auto  
Publicizes Stamp Show

The "Penny Black" collector of almost six scores of years ago who reputedly papered a room with Britain's first stamp has a 20th century follower with strictly modern ideas, according to an announcement by the promoters of the exhibition scheduled for Sydney, Australia's Town Hall February 2-7.

The occasion will be "ANPEX 1959", Australia's first national stamp exhibition in 21 years, with every effort being made to make it successful. One stunt involves cruising the Sydney streets in a car covered with used stamps, with a prize to the person guessing nearest the number of stamps "franking" the vehicle.

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## Preventing Stamp Thefts

Both the A.P.S. and the S.P.A. are now considering a plan whereby they hope to take some active steps toward prevention of stamp thefts. There is a great opportunity to do things that would tend to discourage stamp thefts because in the first place there would not be these big stamp thefts unless there was a market for the stolen stamps, and who buys the stolen stamps?

Both the A.P.S. and the S.P.A. will have to come to the conclusion that they will have to be ready to sacrifice some of their members if such members do not cooperate.

One of the greatest deterrents to the sale of stolen stamps would be complete publicity concerning the transaction. Every effort has been made in the case of the stolen Gerber and Hindes stamps, to cover up the transaction in every possible manner. Only through our efforts has the name of the party who sold the stolen stamps been made public. It is true the A.P.S. expelled this man from their society, but not for stealing stamps. He was expelled for conduct unbecoming a member. Had the real reason for his expulsion been made known and had the complete details of the purchase of these stamps, the subsequent discovery that they were stolen, been given to the public, things could have been different.

We heard that the only losers in the whole deal were the buyers of the stamps, that they took the loss. Isn't that a shame. They know to whom they paid the money and certainly could have pressed charges against the man. The F.B.I. could have picked him up, in fact has had him in hand at times but without any charges against him on which he could be held and prosecuted. Yes sir, make it a point to give the most thorough and complete publicity about any stamp theft, any purchase of stolen stamps and such things, and dealers will be very careful not to get mixed up in such deals.

We get quite disgusted with law enforcement agencies. Seems that there is always an out for the criminal. Here is just an example of how the crooked operators are protected by lack of laws that could trap them.

Take the UN Precancel that has been counterfeited. We were under the impression that the UN Post Office operated under the same laws and regulations as the U. S. Post Office and that counterfeiting a UN stamp would be the same as counterfeiting a U. S. stamp. We are told that this is not so and that laws protecting the U. S. stamps in no way protect the UN stamps.

Then we asked, how about the laws which we have which protect stamps of foreign countries and we are told that the UN is not a foreign country and thus the laws protecting foreign stamps do not apply. So you see the UN is out on a limb and no one to help it. Then we asked, how about the law that makes it an offense to defraud through the U.S. Mails. Then our Post Office Inspector comes up with the statement that to make a case of fraud through the mails you would have to prove that the man who was selling these UN Precancel counterfeits knew that they were counterfeits.

In my estimation the man who has been selling the counterfeits to dozens of stamp dealers all over the country, who in turn have sold them to stamp collectors, knew quite well that the stamps were counterfeit. He has attempted to claim that he bought the stamps from the UN Post Office.

If this were true then the counterfeiting would have to be done by someone in the UN. I would recommend to every stamp dealer who has offered these UN Precancels for sale that they write a letter to this office and state from whom they bought the supply that they have offered for sale. That they demand that the seller refund the cash that they paid for the spurious stamps. If honest dealers, dealers who should help in cleaning up a fraudulent matter of this nature, will demand a refund from the man who sold the stamps, they could make it so uncomfortable for this man that he might be trapped.

I am just now about to write up these stamps in such manner that in most cases, where blocks or larger pieces are concerned, anyone with any stamp knowledge at all will be able to recognize certain of these stamps as counterfeits. There are some things about certain parts of the sheet that mark them as counterfeit and there will be no mistake in such identification.

The man who has been instrumental in peddling these spurious stamps is known to the P. O. Inspectors and is well known in Precancel stamp circles. His reputation in that field has been questionable for years past.

## A Worthy Proposal

Most commemorative stamps that are issued seem to spring from a suggestion that someone might make and this week we have a suggestion from a reader that a commemorative stamp be issued to honor the Salvation Army.

We can give our hearty approval to this suggestion. While we were not "over there" back in 1917 we do remember that the Salvation Army was lauded by the boys who were. We have often heard it said that the Salvation Army did more for the boys in that war period than any other group or organization. We have little doubt but that such statements were right because they were heard so often.

The Red Cross has had its stamps. It is no more deserving than the Salvation Army.

## Philatelic History Of The Olympic Games

"A Philatelic History of the Olympic Games" is the title of a rather unusual topical offering by the Crabtree Press, Ltd., 57, Tivoli Crescent, Brighton 5, Sussex, England. For the sports on stamps, and especially for the Olympic topicalist, it is of particular value.

It is not an album, but, rather, an illustrated, informative supplement affording a great deal of philatelic information on the subject, much of which has been search-

ed out in unusual and not readily available sources. The present compilation, Part II deals with the Olympic games of 1908-1923, with additional notes overlapping certain areas earlier and later. Part I, offered in the past, deals with the 1896-1906 period.

Part II consists of 25 pages of heavy coated paper with numerous half-tone illustrations. Pages are 9 1/2 x 10 1/2 in size, punched for both the U.S. and British 3-ring binders. They are priced at \$1.50 for Part II, \$1.25 for Part I, from the publisher in England.

## SMILEATELICS . . . by Bob Ricker



"I just don't know if I could ever live with a man who could squander a whole nickel on stamps!"

## 1958 Congress Book Contains 15 Articles

The Congress Book 1958, publication of The American Philatelic Congress, is now being distributed to APC members. Fifteen articles are featured in it, in addition to a cumulative index for the 24 volumes thus far published by the Congress.

Congress Book 1958 was prepared under the editorship of Dr. George L. Fite, until his transfer from the Washington area. Subsequently it has been handled by the Congress Editorial Board, Svend Yort, chairman; George W. Brett, James T. DeVos, and George T. Turner. The fifteen articles in the 189-page profusely illustrated book and their authors are:

Lowell, Massachusetts, Express and Letter Offices, with Notes on the Penny Post, Maurice C. Blake.

Haiti's "Hard Money" Issue of 1906, F. Burton Sellers.

Canal Zone: The Type III Mount Hope Local Overprint, William K. Philler.

The Postage Rates of the French Colonies, 1787-1946, Robert G. Stone (Winner of the McCoy Award).

The Nick in the Bottom Frame Line of the Two Cent Brown of 1883 U.S. Postage, Arthur G. Hall.

Malta Postal Markings, 1893-1909, G. Philip Grabfield.

The Manufacture of U.S. Postage Stamps, George W. Brett.

Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II In a Stamp Collection, Richard W. Garlich.

The Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, L. Rohe Walter.

Confederate Navy Covers, Capt. T. S. Dukeshire, USN Retd.

Philatelic Problems and Their Solutions, Earl P. L. Apfelbaum.

Ryukyu Islands Postal Stationery, 1946-1958, Belmont Farries.

A New American Nation: The Federation of the West Indies, Francis J. McCall.

A Commentary on the Operation of the Posts in the Days of Benjamin Franklin, Helen Kingsbury Zirkle.

Elephantiasis Graecorum on Stamps, Dr. George L. Fite.

For data on the Congress and the Congress Books, interested stamp collectors should write to the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Conway Zirkle, 2307 Secane Rd., Secane, Pa. Membership in The American Philatelic Congress continues at \$5 a year, which includes the annual Congress Book.

## The Collectors Club Names New Officials

Filling vacancies created by death and resignation, Louis Stich has been elected vice president, and J. William Middendorf, Bernard D. Harmer, and Ezra D. Cole added to the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club of New York.

Mr. Stich replaces the late Stephen G. Rich. An artist of considerable prominence, he is also in charge of all the artwork in the Steinway Fund handbooks and the Collectors Club Philatelist.

Mr. Middendorf resides in Greenwich, Conn. He is intensely interested in the early issues of the U. S. with emphasis on locals and carriers.

Mr. Harmer is the head of H. R. Harmer, Inc. in New York, the stamp auction firm which has just completed the sale of the famous Caspary collection. Mr. Cole is a well known retail stamp dealer.

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All collectors will be welcome. Further details as to the time and other particulars are available from Al Findlay, 190 Decker Ave., Staten Island 2, N.Y.

### 1959 STAMP PROGRAM

— Alaska Statehood, 7c airmail, Juneau, Alaska (50 per pane, 90 million).

Feb. 12 — Lincoln 1c commem., Hodgenville, Ky. (50 per pane).

Feb. 14 — Oregon Statehood 4c, Astoria, Ore. (59 per pane, 120 million).

Feb. 25 — San Martin "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. (4c, 70 per pane, 120 million; 8c, 72 per pane, 40 million).

Feb. 27 — Lincoln 3c, New York, N.Y. (50 per pane).

Mar. 16 — Hermitage 4 1/2c regular, Hermitage, Tenn. (100 per pane).

April 6 — Polar Exploration 4c.

April 19 — World Peace Through World Trade 4c, Washington, D.C.

May 30 — Lincoln 4c commem., Washington, D. C. (50 per pane).

May or June — St. Lawrence Seaway 4c.

June 6 — Benjamin Harrison 12c regular, Oxford, Ohio.

June 17 — Bunker Hill 2 1/2c regular, Boston, Mass.

Aug. 17 — Airmail Balloon 100th Year 7c, Lafayette, Ind.

Aug. 26 — Soil Conservation 4c, Rapid City, S. D. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Aug. 27 — Petroleum Industry 4c, Titusville, Pa.

Aug. 27 — Third Pan American Games 10c, Airmail, Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 14 — Dental Health 4c, New York, N. Y.

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

### UNITED NATIONS

Feb. 9 — 5c and 7c Airmails.

March 30 — 4c and 8c General Assembly Bldg.

### CANADA

Feb. 23 — McCurdy Flight Anniversary.

Apr. 4 — NATO 10th Anniversary.

May — Associated Country Women of World.

June — Opening St. Lawrence Seaway.

June — Joint Canada-U. S. Seaway issue.

— Partnership of Races, Quebec.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors may send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a stamp to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamp to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

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Last week you will remember the discovery of the imperf between vertically 4c Lincoln of the Liberty series was announced here. A pair of such stamps was submitted by Fred Weber of Belleville, Ill., who had received same tied to cover with a Kansas postmark. My opinion was that these were from a coil and not from a pane.

Mr. Weber has written his further findings after correspondence with the firm which used the stamps for mailing. The pair is from a coil and it was one of a strip which the mailer cut off with scissors because the perforations were missing!

Yeah, me too! I have finally stopped sobbing and am able to continue.

However, similar copies of this variety have been made known by Herman Herst Jr. of Shrub Oak, N.Y., and another dealer. The Herst material came from a coil sold in the mid-Atlantic States area while the other came from a discovery in the deep South.

Information is that only 24 of a 100-stamp coil were imperf while a few of the others were part perf and the balance normal.

Apparently there must have been a fair quantity of these get into circulation. George Brett, writing in "The Bureau Specialist," official publication of the Bureau Issues Assn., stated that the 4c coil had been printed from 384-subject plates, and possibly by this time from the 432-subject ones also. If this is so, then there are 16 possible imperf coils to the sheet of the former and 18 of the latter.

Going a step further, it stands to reason that there must have been more than the one sheet since it apparently was not caught by the Bureau Inspectors immediately. This opinion is based on the wide distribution — Kansas, the South, Mid-Atlantic States.

Undoubtedly a relatively large quantity of the imperfs got out. The big question is, "HOW MANY HAVE FALLEN INTO PHILATELIC HANDS?" If the answer is, "Few," then this will turn out to be a nice item to own. Otherwise, it could end up, as did the imperf Defense trio, at low two-figure levels, after having been quoted all over the place in three, and sometimes four.

1. Frederic Remington appeared in what set of the Famous Americans Series?

2. Jane Addams appeared in what set of the Famous Americans series?

As yet I have not been able to get information concerning the type of postal stationery which was re-

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valued when the rates changed last August 1. Many of you have written for this data. At the moment I have nothing official or authoritative — casual sampling indicates that there are at least more than 30 kinds given the 1c and 2c strike of the dies.

At the time of the increases there were not too many kinds of envelopes in post offices. However, large mailers and others, who had laid in substantial stocks, brought such in to post offices for revaluation, and this stint complicated keeping the records. Some of this material was quite old, obsolete, in fact.

If the record had to be compiled on stationery which was officially supposed to be for sale in post offices, then the job would have been simple. As you know, that didn't happen.

"One ruling we have in our club which has caused much debate with some of the dealers is that all trading is at catalog, and selling is at 1/3 catalog, except U.S." So writes a club officer who wants to have some answers and opinions about the practice.

I can see nothing wrong in trading catalog value for catalog value in the foreign issues. As long as it is done on a general basis one is apt to not do so well on some nations and better than normal on others. This averages out over a year's time. U.S. can be swapped "cat" for "cat"; or one can use some of the standard price lists also, for trading.

This all presumes, of course, that we are speaking about stamps in relatively equal condition. If the material on both sides isn't, then allowances must be made by the party with the inferior.

Selling at 1/3 catalog is a rather arbitrary standard. Some of my things I'd be happy to liquidate at that figure, and other it would take full cat or better. I just would not be interested in bringing items to a club for possible sale if the price was set at 1/3 cat.

The Scott and Minkus Catalogs can be used as guides to value. But the day when you could say with same degree of authority that the actual value of a single or set was 50%, 60% or 75% of catalog is long gone. The informed collector will be one who scans the ads as well as the reading matter closely in his philatelic newspaper. He gets his ideas of value from current market quotations.

It is part of the hobby, in my opinion, to be as conversant with actual values as with the history of an issue. In other words, the intelligent approach is the best one for full enjoyment of stamp collecting.

The 11th Annual Design Derby ballots are beginning to roll in. The first one in this year came from Dr. C. K. Brandeberry of Rock Creek, Ohio.

I forgot to mention last week that if you do not want to cut the ballot from the paper you can draw a reasonable facsimile on a

DESIGN DERBY

postal card or piece of paper and mail it in. For groups, including the clubs, I have copies of the ballot which I will send free. All they have to do is send a stamped addressed envelope and a request for a certain quantity.

But please get to voting at once. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Through the fine cooperation of Belmont Faries, stamp editor of the Washington Sunday Star, I have a souvenir first day of issue program of the Fort Duquesne commem. I had been trying to get one of these with the stamp affixed to the front and tied there with the handstamp first day postmark.

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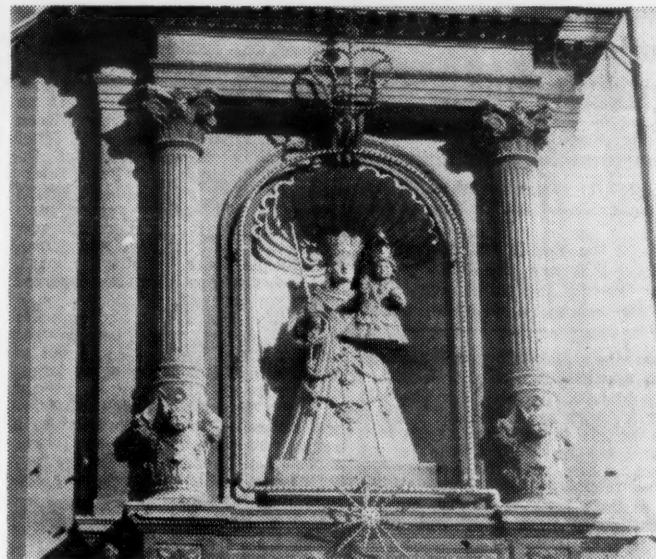
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## A Designer-Engraver Of Luxembourg Stamps

**Sem Hartz**  
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It has been the writer's privilege to design and engrave many of Luxembourg's stamps that have been issued during the last two decades.

It is much more difficult to write about the stamps themselves, than about the many happy circumstances under which they were produced. It certainly has been more of a pleasure than task to work in one of the most delightful little countries of the world, and to collaborate with people who are famous for their kindness and hospitality.

From their gracious Grand Duchy to the simple worker in the verdant fields, Luxembourgers have that rare quality of sincere and uncomplicated civility.

During the years, I have been fortunate in making many friends in that perfect democracy, and to visit Luxembourg either on business or for pleasure always has been a most satisfying experience.

The ancient printing dynasty of Enschede in Haarlem, the Netherlands, was founded in 1703. It printed stamps for The Netherlands and Luxembourg from the time the King of Holland, or his brother, were Grand Dukes of Luxembourg, except for a short interval due to the war. (That was before my time, of course!)

As a young designer employed by the firm, this experience was unique. It enabled me to get the feel of the sacred procession and understand the spirit that is Echternach.

As a result of the success of this assignment, I was invited to do a series of the two dynasties that ruled Luxembourg as Grand Dukes and Grand Duchesses, including William I and II of The Netherlands, but who never appeared on any of their own nation's stamps. (The reason, it might be pointed out, was that stamps had not been invented when they sat upon the dual throne.)

In preparing the design for the ruling Grand Duchess, I had to make a second engraving because the first hardly captured the true expression that characterizes her. I vowed at the time, never again to engrave the portrait of a living person unless the subject would personally pose for me. I never suspected then that such a wish would be granted. When the Postal Administration decided to commemorate the 20th wedding anniversary of Grand Duchess Charlotte and Prince Felix, I was commissioned to execute the design

Close collaboration again was re-established in 1937, when the Luxembourg Postal Administration commissioned Enschede to produce a set



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and engraving. Their Royal Highnesses both agreed to pose, and for a month my wife and I stayed in Luxembourg while I made the necessary study sketches of Grand Duchess Charlotte, Prince Felix and their son, Prince Jean.

The designs appeared as a miniature sheet of three stamps, with the marriage date and a credit line stating that they had been made from life, a thing that never was done with stamps before. Since then, Queen Juliana and the three eldest Dutch princesses also have posed for me, no doubt because the Luxembourg royal family had set a precedent.

When the Nazi hordes overran our nations, all further communications ceased between us until after the war.

It became my great joy, after the liberation, to again be invited to make more stamps for Luxembourg — a set for Echternach, so severely devastated by the retreating enemy, and a little later, a set for war orphans.

The latter series were designed by Luxembourg artists, one of them using the touching portrait of a child photographed by an American soldier. Meanwhile Echternach and its Willibrord Basilica had been rebuilt (as I like to think, partially from the proceeds of the stamps), and I was again asked to do two more designs. One shows the glorious interior, the other, the exterior of the magnificent basilica, which was consecrated on the day the stamps were issued.

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whom the Little Corporal said so many glorious things. Wouldn't it be nice for the old warrior to go to Esch-Sure? It's only a stone's throw away. Here is a picture of the Esch Castle in my album. Along with the Landscapes of the 1947 set. Here is the Ardennes at their harshest; slatey, abrupt, sheer, steep rock that will repel any attack.

"Not bad, but not quite so bad as the marshes of Lithuania or the tall walls of the treacherous cities of Lombardy, where I had to fight my most difficult battles," King John says.

But let's not think of wars, after all, here's the most peaceful, picturesque spot in the whole land; the one that attracts most tourists. "Tourists" obviously was a word the old king didn't know — there were none such in his era.

Here is a view of Ehnen, designed by Tremont and engraved by Cotter. My dream carries me away towards the sweetness of the Moselle Valley which is said to be the mildest and most delicate in the country. It is one in which a Latin soul can discover a shade, a hue of the southern climes. The valley is filled with light; the heat lies burning and heavy in its wide basin, and the grapes, dear to Bacchus, are ripening on the sunlit slopes.

By the way, these four stamps of the 1947 issue are the finest synthesis in images that exist in the Grand Duchy. The northern upland, the Moselle Valley; the industrial belt with the Dudelange steel works and its gigantic chimneys, and the capital city which rises majestically on its huge rock.

A stamp collector has more than one string for his bow. Look at the album. It's a perfect collection of tourist publicity and information, stamps on a single page. Here are the coats of arms and the portraits of the sovereigns of Luxembourg.

These stamps are a gallery of official portraits; a textbook of Luxembourg's national history. In 1934, on the eve of the centenary celebrations to mark the centenary of Luxembourg's independence, the Postmaster General made it possible for us to recall the Middle Ages of the duchy's history. Here are counts and dukes: Henry VII, John the Blind, Wenceslas I, Wenceslas II, Ermesinde, Charles I and Sigismund.

This "historical" set goes back as far as the seventh century, to St. Willibrord and the foundation of Echternach Abbey. It is easy for our children to learn the history of their homeland to its beginnings, simply by examining the stamps in the albums they are encouraged to own.

Just think of what a lesson on the reign of William III would be — "The reign of William III, King of the Netherlands and Grand Duke of Luxembourg, is remarkable for a great many important achievements such as the building of the first railroads, the beginnings of the nation's heavy industry, the rise of trade and agriculture..."

The reigns of Grand Dukes Adolphe and William, and of the Grand Duchess Marie-Adelaide fell into an epoch which was stern and severe, when public thinking was surrounded by very great reserve. There are no smiles on those portraits and stamps. The coats of arms and the royal effigy were deemed worthy to adorn these austere vignettes.

Those Victorian years were a patriarchal, quiet, peaceful period. It is so amusing — and so easy, with the help of stamps — to imagine the Central Government Offices in St. Maximin House at the time when Monsieur Paul Eyschen was Minister of State and President of the Government. There were the copying clerks sticking stamps with the "Official" overprint on the few letters that were posted at closing time. The contents were written by hand as were the addresses, in beautiful copperplate. Today! Long letters typed on machines roll out of typewriters by the hundreds; the envelopes do not even bear stamps: they have just the prosaic, "Postage Paid as per contract".

Here is the Grand Duke Adolphe 10 centime. How many of them did Dominique Lang, the greatest national painter of the period, stick on his moving letters to his friend, Frantz, the parish priest of idyllic Boevange! This was a time when people did not write letters, even within the borders of their tiny country. I still remember the big pillar-box of the Central Post Office in Luxembourg City divided into two

sections, one for inland, the other for foreign letters.

There was another, sharply characterized period between that far-off past and our own hectic present that found a striking expression on stamps. It lasted only about fifteen years — from 1920 to 1936. That era of light and hope, which includes the beginning of Grand Duchess Charlotte's reign, today seems like a different world — serene, luminous, full of joy and confidence. Its stamps are attractive and graceful. But no more beautiful, charming and gracious than our beloved sovereign herself.

The first World War had come to an end a few years before; the small country had not come out of it unscathed. It was trying to forget its wounds and the stamps present a young Luxembourg full of drive and initiative, looking forward to a happy and promising future. It was a period of liberalism when the new orientation of the country took a definite turn towards the West.

It was then, too, that the stamp office for the first time abandoned its traditional reserve and began to choose as its subjects the views of Luxembourg: attractive landscapes and pleasant pictures which carried

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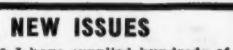
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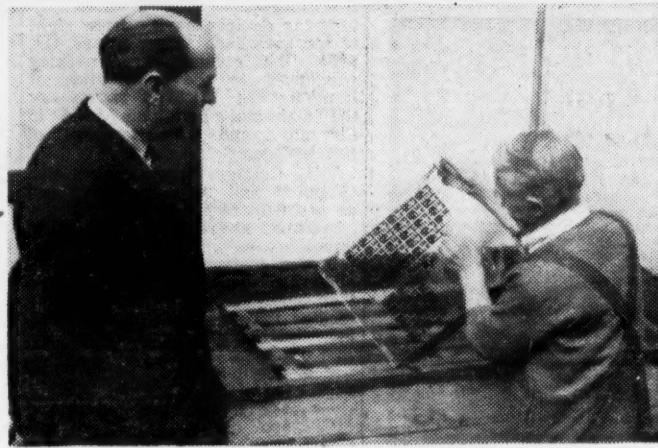
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LUXEMBOURG COUNTS  
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trouble over some water rights and Henry got tough. He besieged the town and laid waste the surrounding country and the Treverians bent their knees. They agreed to a considerable annual fine and paid it to the Count and to his successors for over 350 years.

They gave a princely dwelling to Henry, which remained Luxembourger property until the Austrian Empress, Maria-Theresa sold it in 1747. Trier accepted Henry's brother Baldwin as their Bishop and the Count pledged the town his protection. Peace now prevailed in all his domain.

Born and educated in France, Henry was known as the "most French" of the Empire's princes. His device, "Juc'ge Justly", indicates why he abolished the infamous trials by ordeal and installed proper judicial procedure. He built the town's first hospital which still stands in part, although now a women's prison. Above all, he firmly stopped the ceaseless feuding among his nobles. Contemporary chroniclers say that he was the best administered country in the Empire.

We shall now deal with a less exalted-born man and with some usages of those days.

Throughout the ages, back to the Roman Emperor Justinian I (527-565 A.D.), the ruler had nominated candidates for clerical vacancies. Too, a wealthy landholder might build a church on his own land, so long as there was enough revenue from the tithes to keep a priest alive. In this manner the church building remained the landowner's property.

Convents also were such owners. In Henry's lifetime, Mariental cloister possessed an even dozen parishes, one of them Bartringen. As early as the 11th century, the custom of purchasing clerical positions with cash or by promises had existed despite papal denunciation, and with the lord owning both land and building, we may well see that the Church had become a good provider for the nobles' minor children and too, how one incumbent might hold down a number of charges.

Born at or near Trier, Peter of Aspelt studied medicine and theology at Paris University and on his return home in 1278, became court physician to Henry V and parish priest at nearby Bartringen.



His rise to eminence and power was fabulous. In two years he had secured two more parishes. Called to Vienna by the Habsburg King, he accumulated five additional chaplainships, even though as his doctor, he accompanied the King on all his travels. In 1289, Pope Nichols V personally named him provost at Trier, but the embittered Treverians prevented him from ever enjoying that appointment.

The Bohemian King now invited him to Prague as his doctor, appointed him Chancellor of the kingdom and Peter secured three further clerical controls. He went to Rome again and Pope Boniface VIII, appointed him bishop of Basle, where a strong man was needed to bring order out of disgraceful chaos and Peter did the job in record time.

A third Pope, Clement V, whom Aspelt visited and cured of a seri-

ous ailment, elevated him to the archbishopric of Mainz in 1306. Now the humble village priest of 1278 presided over the Electoral College of German arch-princes. No higher position was in the gift of the Empire.

We see in Peter an uncommonly gifted and equally ambitious youth, an ever money-hungry and power-grabbing man who, excepting only the Basle bishopric, never relinquished a once gotten appointment, nor the revenue thereof. But he remembered the Prince who gave him his first start. When Peter had attained his final elevation, he renewed his connections with the Luxembourgers. He helped place Baldwin on the Bishop's throne at Trier. He was unquestionably the power behind Henry's election as German King, even as he brought the crown of Bohemia to Henry's son John in 1310.

His work, his talent and his power underlie history's decision that the fourteenth was the "Luxembourgers' Century". The "kingmaker" died in 1320. We return now to Henry VII.

Alaric, the Arian Goth, sacked Rome in 410, but spared Church property and wealth. The Popes remained on through the dismal centuries that followed. The Empire had been divided fifteen years earlier and a continuous line of emperors, not all Romans, but also Greeks, Armenians, Dalmatians ruled the Eastern realm.

In the West, Ravenna had become the imperial capital, but Rome proper had no emperor for 300 years, not until Charlemagne was crowned there on Christmas Day of 800. Only unimportant men followed him and not until Otto I of Saxony was crowned in 962 did the Holy Roman Empire become actively revived. From then on the imperial succession continued irregularly, with much rivalry and bloodshed until 1493.

Following the murder of Albert of Habsburg, the College of Electors, led by the two bishops, Baldwin of Trier and Aspelt of Mainz, elected Henry of Luxembourg. He and his wife were crowned at Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen) in January 1309. Thus we turn an important corner in Europe's history.

Pope Clement V was eminently satisfied with the electors' decision. Henry's heart was set on the revival of the Holy Roman Empire in Italy, which led the German princes to believe that they would remain in practical autonomy in the North. But while Henry's hopes were those of an idealist for Italy, his actions were very practical at home.

Italy was in anarchy. The Popes resided at Avignon; France controlled the Naples kingdom; the rich northern towns, Milan, Florence, Venice fought each the other. The great Dante called for help and, accompanied by his wife and two brothers, Henry set out on the expedition that would bring him the imperial crown — and end in tragedy.

He installed his son John as Count of Luxembourg, assembled an army of 5000, mostly Walloons, crossed Mount Cenis and accepted the ages old iron crown as King of Lombardy at Milan. Brescia caused a fateful delay. Henry besieged the town for four months and saw his brother Walram slain. Florence declared herself against him and Henry had to go to Genoa, where he lost his wife, to his greatest grief.

Awaiting reinforcements from the north at Pisa again delayed his campaign and when he finally reached Rome, the Naples King was firmly entrenched in that town. In a murderous assault Henry won the greater part of Rome, but not St. Peter's. He had to accept the

imperial crown from the Pope's delegates and only at St. John's in Lateran church in 1312.

He returned to Pisa for added forces, commenced his attack on Florence, lifted that siege to advance against Siena and died of malaria near there, in August 1313.

Whatever the promising early outlook for a successful campaign, Dante had only dreamed a poet's dream and Henry had followed an elusive mirage. His valor and his good intentions could not cope with the wealth of Tuscany, nor overcome the diplomacy of a changing pope.

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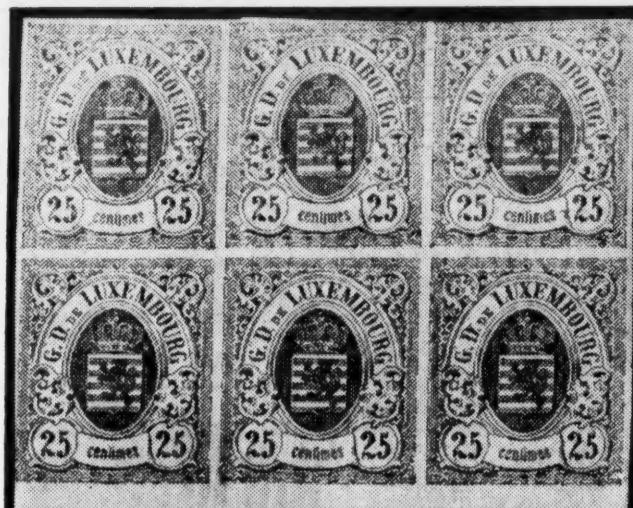
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Probably the rarest piece of the imperf Coat of Arms design issue in existence. This is a mint block of six of the 25 centimes, with sheet margin. From the collection of Francis Rhein.

Luxembourg's  
Coat Of Arms Design

Francis Rhein

The Arms design of Luxembourg is outstanding chiefly because it was used longer than any other for postage stamps of the Grand Duchy — from 1859 to 1882.

We shall concern ourselves with the imperforates, but the same design returns with the rouletted issues of 1864, then the rouletted-in-color of 1865, and finally the perforated issues, the so-called local of 1874, and then the Haarlem prints of 1880.

At present, Luxembourg collectors eagerly await the centennial of this issue, for new knowledge has been uncovered and added to philatelic information in recent times. This is due to the persistent efforts of a few specialists in Luxembourg and abroad.

They can hardly be called spectacular in appearance. In many cases their colors are dull and often they are mutilated because of the narrow spacing between the stamps on the printing surface. Yet they represent a glorious vestige of their era, and as centenarians, they carry with them the halo of venerability.

By 1858, the system of printing stamps from steel engraved plates, as used for the 1852 issue, was considered too onerous. The government decided to find a less expensive method of printing stamped paper. Several were considered, and finally Luxembourg settled for typography, through which dies were engraved on wood, then used to produce mobile cliches. These in turn were used to manufacture galvanoplastic plates.

The design and the engraving were executed by Ludwig Kurz. The Dressler Foundry made the original die. Both were made in Frankfurt.

The government would have had the printing done locally, but the proofs submitted by the two printers in Luxembourg — Erasmy, and Schmit-Bruker — were so bad that the postal authorities again turned to Frankfurt and the C. Naumann firm to produce the stamps.

The 1859 Arms design issue is divided into two groups. The major one consists of six values: the 10, 12½, 25, 30, 37½ and 40 centimes, which were intended to frank letters. The minor group includes the 1, 2 and 4 centimes, to be used in franking printed matter. The design of both differs slightly; the stamps of the major group are 1 millimeter higher than the latter three.

The number of respective stamps printed and delivered follows:

Major Group	1 centime	2,423,300
	12½ "	310,500
	25 "	102,600
	30 "	202,700
	37½ "	204,300
	40 "	311,500

Minor Group	1 centime	501,800
	2 "	303,300
	4 "	429,100

The ascending rarity of this issue, according to the number of stamps issued, is as follows: 25, 30, 37½, 2, 12½, 40, 4, 1 and 10 centimes.

The collector will discover a huge field for study and research among the rarities of the print and shades of color to be found on the Arms design issue of 1859. These were in circulation only five years, and yet they witnessed a time of pronounced revolution, both political and economical in the life of the Grand Duchy.

Although the independence of the country was declared in 1839, it was not until 1867, with the departure of the Prussian garrison, that all traces of foreign oppression were eliminated.

According to the Treaty of Vienna, in 1815, the borders of many European countries were reshuffled as an aftermath of the Napoleonic

tangular devices having from eight to ten bars each (Figs. 10 and 11), while the reversed-bars marking was used in the post office at Remich (Fig. 12). Not shown are the eight-and-a-half bars used in Clervaux, and the ten-bars of Bascharage.

The Belgian type cancellation (Figs. 13 and 14) were introduced as postal markings in 1855, and are sometimes encountered on the first issue.

It was customary at that time to obliterate the stamp with a killer, then apply a postmark which indicated the place and time of mailing, and finally a third, to indicate that postage had been paid (or due), which accounts for the markings, Figs. 16 to 20 (Paid to Destination) or Fig. 21 (Port Paye).

"Franco" is essentially a prephilatelic postmark and was eliminated generally after the adhesive postage stamp was introduced and the compulsory prepayment of mail fees. But it appears here and there on the second issue of Luxembourg for no logical reason. It finally disappears during the rouletted-in-color era about 1872. The Luxembourg specialist-collector always enjoys a pleasant sensation when he encounters a stamp with a "Franco" marking (Figs. 22 to 24).

The "Charge" marking was applied to covers to suggest that they contained valuables (Fig. 25), while the so-called "masuscules" (letters in a circle) were intended to be used only on a carrier's route sheet.

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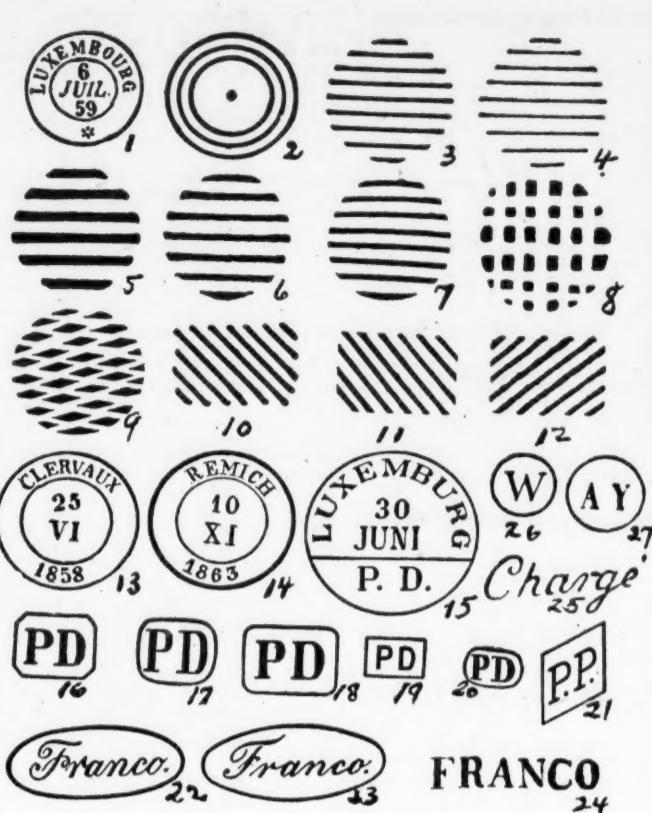
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These markings (Figs. 26 and 27) sometimes were inadvertently applied to stamps by rural carriers.

## Forgeries

Fakes and forgeries of the imperforate Arms design issue are plentiful and in some cases difficult to distinguish from genuine specimens. The most dangerous is the Sperati, but then he imitated only the 2c and 37 1/2c values.

More common are the "Hamburgers", in which the paper is thin and the stamp usually shows a thin frame line beyond the design proper.

The appearance of the forgery is generally blurred, the cross above the crown is completely absent or indistinct; the jewels in the band of the crown are very blurred, while three defined jewels may be seen on the original. The arms are badly executed; the paws of the lion seem mutilated. The paper is extremely thin to the point of being transparent. The word, "LUXEMBOURG" is badly printed and many letters touch each other at many points, while in the originals each letter is clearly separated.

The main point is that there is a definite defect in the burelage in the lower part of the stamp immediately beside the number of value. The originals have three little squares between two oval designs; the forgery has but two.

The most dangerous fakes, however, are the trimmed-down copies of the later Arms design issues, and sold to unsuspecting collectors as original imperfs. The Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club provides for its members free expertization service on classic issues.

Within the limited space allowed for this article, it was possible to give only a superficial picture of the fascinating highlights of the Im-

SMALL EUROPEAN  
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to Luxembourg's staunch friend of World War II. In 1947 a special set was dedicated and issued by the Post Office Department to the liberators of our land, Gen. Patton and his men.

We are fully aware of the highly appreciated homage the United States paid to the Luxembourg Resistance through the release, in 1944, of a Luxembourg stamp in the "Overrun Nations" (flag) series, and which depicted our national banner.

A wide gap would be left in this brief summary of American-Luxembourg relations if it omitted a tribute to the great and loyal friends whom Luxembourg is proud to have in all sections of American philately. It is impossible to cite all names, but it becomes a pleasant duty to mention and pay tribute to a few who have done much for Luxembourg: the eminent journalist, Ernie Kehr, of New York; the ardent collector, Francis Rhein, of Kent, Conn.; the well-known stamp dealer, Maury Swartz, of Silver Spring, Md., and James T. Dunn, past president of the Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club, at St. Paul, Minn.

It is to them and to all the friends of Luxembourg stamps across the Atlantic Ocean that we dedicate this issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

sponsible for the 1959 Congress Book. In the past this yearly production has had a single editor, but it was decided at the recent New York session of the Congress Council to name a board to attend in the editing and publication of future Congress Books.

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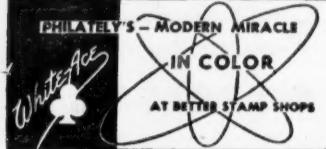
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The beginnings of our stamps—like all early stamps—were modest. They were introduced in 1852, for the sole purpose of preparing postal fees upon mail to which they were properly affixed.

The major concern of the administration of those days was satisfied if the stamps were secure against counterfeiting, and if they could be produced inexpensively.

That concept prevailed in the "classical" period, to about 1920, during which we find on stamps as we do on contemporary banknotes, only the portraits of our sovereigns, coats of arms, and allegories of commerce and industry.

At that time we note the beginning of an era when a little piece of paper became an object of collectors' interest—cherished and sought by philatelists. It also became an important means of tourist, social, economic and philanthropic publicity on national and international levels.

The importance of modern philately cannot be overestimated. The collection of classical stamps, which used to be the privilege of a minority is more and more being superceded by collections of contemporary issues which have been brought within the realm of everyone. The Post Office authorities quickly recognized this evolution and adapted themselves to it.

## Stamp Programs

In working out the programs of stamp issues, the Stamp Office endeavors to reconcile its own interest as far as it is possible, with the interests of both the community and philatelists. It considers its own plans: presenting, through stamps, a complete and objective picture of the cultural, social and economic life of the nation; its aspirations and hopes.

It also tries to include in its annual programs, such new issues as may be suggested by certain groups of the Grand Duchy's citizenry. The number of requests for special stamp issues is tremendous. Some must be refused immediately since they obviously are unsuitable. Most are given additional consideration.

But because we want to maintain a healthy policy, only a very, very small proportion of those petitioned can actually be accepted. This explains the difficulty and delicacy of the task of making selections and taking final decisions, and it helps one to understand the criticisms to which the program is exposed.

Our annual program allows for about four or five special issues, one of which is semipostal for the benefit of charity organizations. These are distributed over an entire year, the semipostals being released during the Christmas season when men's hearts are wide open to the distress of the poor. All programs are submitted to the Minister of Finance, for approval.

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After the subjects of the stamps have been determined, artists are chosen to prepare the drawings. It has been found that a general public competition rarely produces satisfactory results. The Post Office, therefore, prefers either a limited competition, or to select a single artist to be commissioned because we know his talents and abilities.

Preference is given to Luxembourg artists as far as possible. But as the number of specialists with the necessary competence to design postage stamps obviously is very limited in such a small country as ours, the authorities some-

world, American clients are the most numerous.

To increase the demand for its stamps, the Stamp Office supplies advance press releases and photographs of new issues to the international philatelic press. This information is also published by Luxembourg's daily newspapers and broadcast over its radio stations.

Moreover, the Luxembourg Postal Administration through its Stamp Office, participates in most national and international exhibitions. Philatelists, accordingly, are able to get up-to-date and complete information about Luxembourg's stamps.

## Archives And Records

The Luxembourg Post Office does not yet have a postal museum with a special philatelic section. However, it does possess extensive and very important archives and records which are complete as far as modern issues are concerned. Unfortunately, its records pertaining to the classic issues are incomplete. These records include the history of issues, the plans, rough sketches, essays, proofs, issued sets and in some cases, the actual surfaces from which the stamps were printed.

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RANDOM RAMBLING  
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the smiling welcome of a beautiful small country to the farthest corners of the earth.

But as we approach 1935, shadows begin to darken the picture. Many families feel the consequences of the coming recession; the economic crisis of the 'thirties and the general standstill of the economic life gradually push the social problem into the foreground.

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There is the national homage to the great American soldier who now lies buried at Hamm. There is, last of all, the homage to the sacred patroness, the Holy Virgin, under Whose protection the country is rising from its ruins.

There is Europe! United Europe, economic and social progress, human rights, peace. Yes, peace at last and above all. There are the new achievements, acts of faith by a small people that has not yet succeeded in hiding all the scars of the past suffering and hardship, but that has found its smile again in its successful cooperation in the concert

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## The Orange-Nassau Dynasty And Its Reign In Luxembourg; 1000th Year Celebration 1963

Jean Buschmann

Though it is one of the smallest states of Old Europe, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg very often played an important role in history during its thousand years of existence. Through the partitions of Charlemagne's Frankish Empire via the Treaties of Verdun (843 A. D.) and Mersen (870 A. D.) the territory between the Rhine and the Meuse—including the regions which eventually were to become the country—the duchy finally fell to Louis, the German, and thus became part of the Germanic Empire.

The ethnographic and linguistic lines of division crossed the very center of what came to be the Duchy of Luxembourg, a situation that remained unchanged until 1839. That is why the official status of the French and German languages always has remained equal to the Luxembourg tongue itself. All three languages are spoken and understood by every Luxembourg.



Grand Duchess Charlotte

Luxembourg is essentially a border nation, wedged between two powerful neighbors, France and Germany. It is the natural line, both of division and of transition between two civilizations. It had to suffer, throughout the Middle Ages and up to the recent past, the consequences — good and bad — of this condition.

963 A.D., when Sigefroi, the Count of the Ardennes began erecting a fortress on the Bock Rock, in the present city of Luxembourg, is generally accepted as the year when Luxembourg attained its independence and became an independent nation. The thousandth anniversary of that memorable date will be observed in 1963.

The sovereign State of Luxembourg existed for almost 500 years under its own dynasty. After the death of its last male member, the duchy fell to Duke Philip of Burgundy through the Treaty of December 29, 1443.

The French line, founded by Walram, son of the Countess of Ermesinde of Luxembourg, became extinct in 1873, through the death of the Duke of Montmorency-Luxembourg, peer of the realm of France.

Following the treaty, Luxembourg was ruled over a period of 370 years by many sovereigns who attained their power by accidents of marriage, legacies and conquest. Its rather doubtful sovereignty was administered and exercised by Provincial and Sovereign Councils.

The Duchy regained its independence only after Napoleon's defeat in 1815, when the land was raised to the rank of a Grand Duchy by the Congress of Vienna. It was made an independent state linked with Holland through personal union. William I had been King of Holland since June 21, 1814, and now became Grand Duke of Luxembourg as well.



Prince Henry and Princess Marie-Astrid

ed on many stamps since 1921) was the second daughter of William IV, and was born at Colmar - Berg, on January 23, 1896. She ascended the throne on January 15, 1919 and married Prince Felix of Bourbon-Parme on November 6, 1919.

When the Nazi armies invaded Luxembourg for the second time, in May, 1940, the Grand Ducal family was forced to leave Europe, and found very friendly refuge in the United States of America. They remained here during the Nazi terror on the European continent.

Grand Duchess Charlotte returned to Luxembourg (Bruce Conde, well known to Linn's readers, was assigned by the Late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, to escort the Grand Ducal family on their return to Luxembourg) after Allied victory, and has been living in the midst of her people since, as the representative of liberty and independence of the small nation.

William II was born on December 6, 1792, and was Grand Duke of Luxembourg from 1840 to 1849. Upon his accession to the throne he found himself faced with difficult problems, most of which still were consequences of the Belgian revolutionary troubles. He authorized Luxembourg's accession to the German Customs Union, created the National Order of the Oak Leaf, and, in cooperation with the representation of the people, proclaimed a new, more liberal constitution.

The establishment and organization of the Luxembourg Post Office is another positive accomplishment of William II's reign. The immense popularity which he enjoyed in the Grand Duchy is proven by the magnificent statue which was erected in his memory in the King William Square, in Luxembourg, in 1884.

He was succeeded by his eldest son, Alexander, who, as William III, took the oath to the constitution on April 18, 1849. The portrait of the new Grand Duke appears on the first two stamps of Luxembourg, which were issued in 1852.

William III discharged the effective government of Luxembourg to his brother, Henry, whom he appointed Governor of the Grand Duchy. The Prince, who died on February 13, 1879, and his first wife, Princess Amelia, were so popular with the people that a monument was erected in their memory in the Municipal Park.

When King - Grand Duke William III died on November 23, 1890 the Othonian branch of the dynasty of Orange - Nassau became extinct.

According to the Nassau family pact, and under Article 3 of the Luxembourg Constitution, Duke Adolphe of Nassau - Weilburg became Grand Duke of Luxembourg. He was born on July 24, 1817, and belonged to the Walramian line. He had fought against Prussia in 1866, and as an ally of Austria, he had lost his hereditary Duchy of Nassau, when this alliance was defeated.

The portrait of the new Grand Duke appears on a set of stamps issued by the Postal Administration when he acceded to the throne. Adolphe, who had appointed hereditary Prince William as his regent in 1902, died on November 17, 1905 at the age of 88.

William IV was born on April 22, 1852, and married the Infanta Marie Anne of Braganza, and already was seriously ill at the time of his accession.

The state of his health constantly grew worse and Grand Duchess Marie Anne assumed the regency until his death and the succession of their eldest daughter, Princess Marie - Adelaide, who had been born at Colmar - Berg, in 1894.

World War I, and the invasion of Luxembourg by the Germans, occurred during her reign. She abdicated on January 9, 1919 in favor of her sister, Charlotte, and died at Hohenberg Castle on January 24, 1924.

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Nevertheless, there were two private issues between 1900 and 1924:

In 1906, on the occasion of the visit of Prince Albert, who was to achieve fame as the "soldier king" during World War I, and Princess Elizabeth of Belgium, to the Grand Duchy, the Holiday Welfare Assn. offered a pair of large-size stamps for sale. The one portrayed the visiting celebrities, the other, the six princesses of Luxembourg, daughters of Grand Duke William and Grand Duchess Marie-Anne. These were lithographed in gray and brown and were inscribed, "Colonies de Vacances, Luxembourg", and in the upper corners, the cost at which they were sold, "10c(entimes)."

In 1908, to mark a charity meeting at the Grand Ducal residence of Colmar-Berg, on the occasion of the organization of the Tuberculosis Relief Fund, four large-size stamps again were prepared. They featured a portrait of Princess Marie-Adele in a circle surmounted by a crown, and were inscribed, "Timbre de Bienfaisance" and "Wohlfahrtsmarke".

A release by the Postal Administration, published on June 10, 1908, made it clear that these adhesives would be available at all post offices for the benefit of the Tuberculosis Relief Fund, but would not be valid for the payment of postage fees. They might be affixed with regular stamps and cancelled at the same time, however. The denominations were 5, 10, 15 and 20 centimes.

In 1924 after the critical economic situation following the first World War, grave material difficulties faced all European charity organizations. Parliament, therefore, officially authorized the release of regular semipostals.

This set, the quantity of which remained unknown (80,000?) was produced by overprinting four values of the Marie-Adele set of 1914: 12½c x 7½c, 35c x 10c, 2½ francs x 1 franc, 5fr. x 2fr.

During the war, the German "Winter Welfare" sets were overprinted "Luxembourg" and sold in the Grand Duchy.

1945 — Concentration Camp, deportation and execution scenes. 200,000 sets, and 71,921 souvenir sheets sold between December 20, 1945 and January 1, 1947.

1946 — King John the Blind, when his body was transferred to the crypt in the Luxembourg Cathedral. 102,750 sets sold between December 5, 1946 and January 1, 1948.

1947 — Michel Lenz, poet (1820-1893). 67,935 sets sold between December 4, 1947 and January 1, 1949.

1948 — Edmonde de la Fontaine "Dicks," poet and composer (1823-1876). 56,258 sets sold between November 18, 1948 and January 1, 1950.

1949 — Michel Rodange, poet (1827-1876). 49,269 sets sold between December 5, 1949 and December 31, 1951.

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1952 — J. B. Fresez, landscape painter (1800-1867). 46,159 sets sold between December 3, 1952 and December 31, 1953.

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## Luxembourg Has Much For Stamp Collectors

Ernest A. Kehr

Anything the writer might say about the postage stamps of Luxembourg would be extraneous and superfluous. They speak most eloquently for themselves—they proclaim the history of the tiny duchy; they reflect the very nature of its industrious, friendly, hospitable people; they mirror the culture, traditions and scenic marvels to be found within the 999 square miles that are known as Luxembourg.

Examining the philatelic possibilities of the Grand Duchy's stamps, one readily sees that they offer endless potentials for any type of collection; they will satisfy any person. The classics lend themselves to tremendous study.

During CENTILUX, in 1952, half a dozen specialized collections of just the first two issues were so intensively worked up that the jury deliberated for five days to select the two that most deserved the pair of gold medals available. And only because no additional medals of gold could be procured were the others given lesser material awards. That, in itself, is a tribute of no small distinction for seldom has such a condition confronted an international jury in other lands.

The more recent issues have everything which a general collector, or the topicalist, could want. In modern times, under the enlightened leadership of Emile Raus, the Grand Duchy's stamps have become examples of the finest in artistic design and printing perfection.

Luxembourg's postal officials are fully conversant with philately and its problems. For many years the relationship between the authorities and local philatelic societies has been exemplary. This extraordinary cooperation has been largely responsible for the unusual popularity of the Grand Duchy's stamps. Scholars are enabled to find answers to their philatelic questions in postal archives; the newer collectors are given full details about every forthcoming issue such as the artists, engravers, printers and the subjects depicted upon the stamps.

Luxembourg has done more than its share in promoting the avocation of stamp collecting...among its own citizens by newspaper articles and regular radio programs, and collectors overseas. The Grand Duchy is one of those nations which always has, when invited to do so, prepared exhibits for display at stamp exhibitions. When the Swiss P.T.T. had developed a newer version of its now famous "chain-belt display", seen here in the United States at CIPEX and FIPEX, the Luxembourg Postal Administration acquired the prototype.

On any number of occasions, the postal administration was ap-

proached by groups that wished to help the Grand Duchy "make its stamps more popular", by methods intended to bring substantial profits to the "advisers".

Yet, in each instance, the schemers were flatly turned down. The result has been that Luxembourg has enjoyed a reputation that inspires confidence.

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The writer wishes to express his gratitude to the Luxembourg Postal Administration for the honor of having been invited to serve as guest editor of this special edition.

### N. Y. Women Hear Mrs. Lachmayer January 22

The next regular meeting of the Women's Philatelic Society of New York will be held on Thursday evening, January 22, at 8 p.m. at the Stalter Hilton Hotel, 7th Ave. and 33rd St., New York.

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In each case the impressed \$1.40 postage stamp depicts the "Chu Kwang Tower" at Kinmen, Quemoy, while four Chinese characters in a panel mean "Prompt Delivery".

The two postcards were issued in 100,000 editions December 31, one vertical, the other horizontal. They are deep brown on front, medium green on the back. The imprinted stamp is similar to that on the envelopes, while a tourist's silhouette is added in the lower portion of the card. The back of each item is decorated with a clump of bamboo and two Chinese characters meaning "Peace and Security".

### N. Y. Scandinavians Elect And Plan Show

The Scandinavian Collectors Club of New York will meet on Thursday January 15 at 8 p.m. in The Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York. There will be a members' competition with the showing of selected parts of collections, for which three awards are to be made.

The following officers for 1959 were elected at the December 10 meeting: I. E. Black, president; C. H. Werenkiold, vice president; R. A. Helm, secretary; and Trygve Larsen, treasurer.

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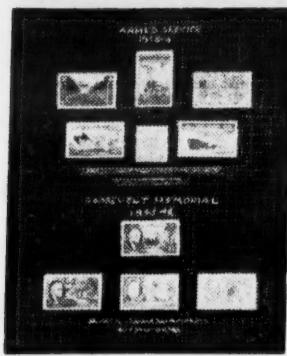
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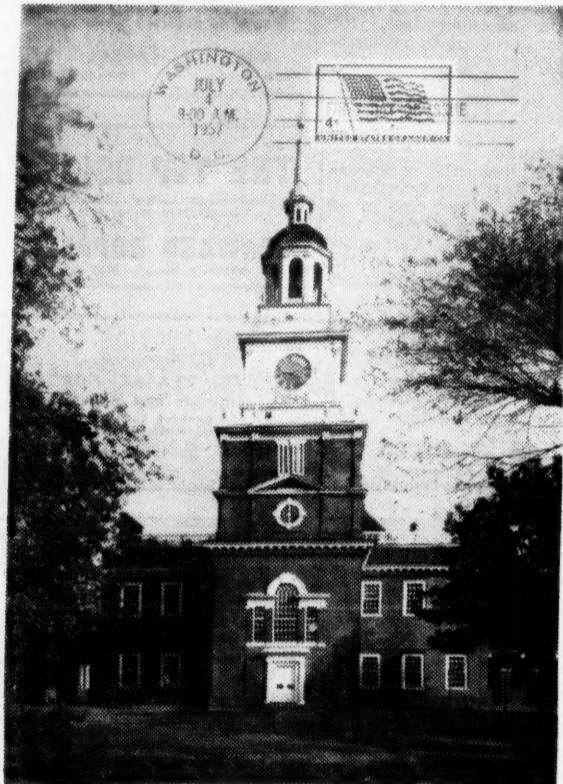
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Mar. 30 — Philatelic Foundation.

Apr. 27 — Women's International Stamp Club.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

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### New Air Set From Hungary December 3

The General Direction of Posts of Hungary has announced the December 31 release of a set of nine new airmails in pictorial designs featuring various types of commercial planes flying above famous cities and landmarks. The stamps are printed in various colors on a common light ochre background, without borders. Red offset captions at top and bottom indicate values, country name and scenes.



Values, colors and subjects are: 20 filler, green copperprint, Town Hall of Szeged with plane overhead; 30f, blue, Sarospatak Castle; 70f, wine red, Town Hall, Gyor; 1 Forint, green, Opera House, Budapest; 1.60 Ft., violet, Citadel of Veszprem.

Remaining values are 2Ft., green, Chain Bridge, Budapest; 3Ft., brown, Tower of Sopron; 5Ft., dark olive green, Heroes' Square, Budapest, with Museum of Fine Arts in background; and 10Ft., blue, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Parliament Building, Budapest. Printing is on star wmk paper.

### Chicago Czechs To Ask Masaryk Stamp

The recent annual meeting of the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America, Chicago, Ill. found three urgent matters awaiting attention: the election of 1959 officers, plans for the 1959 exhibition, and consideration of a program to promote the issuance of a stamp in honor of the late Thomas G. Masaryk, Czech hero.

The 1959 exhibition will be held March 21-22 at the CSA Bldg., 6140 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero. Larger frames will be used than in the past, and provisions will be made for five classes of competition. Further details of the affair, as well as information about the activities of the club, are available from Mr. Rosner at the address given. The group meets regularly on second and fourth Sundays at the T. G. Masaryk School, 5701 W. 22nd Pl., Cicero 50, Ill.

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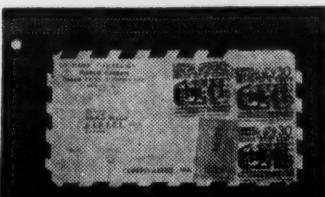
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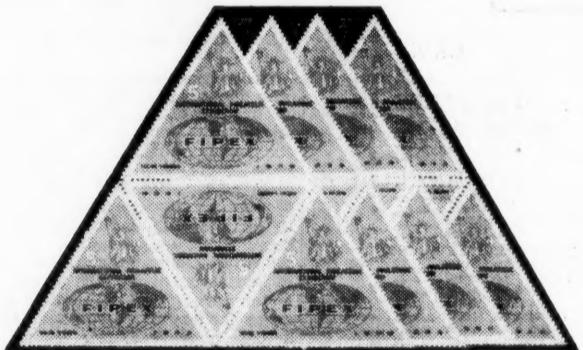
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Ernest A. Kehr, guest editor, at left, with philatelic friends in Luxembourg. Second from right is Karl Seizinger, noted engraver. In the background is the famed triple-spired Cathedral of Luxembourg. (Photo—Ernest Kehr)

## The Guest Editor

Through this fifth of a series of special "Linn's" issues, readers again will receive a philatelic weekly which they will want to keep as a permanent reference, whether they now collect the stamps of Luxembourg or not.

The first — the special "Netherlands Number" December of 1957 — had not yet been completed when Director General of Posts Emile Raus invited Ernest A. Kehr to work with his administration in the preparation of a similar edition which would provide a human interest background of the Grand Duchy's postage stamps.

The selection of Kehr for this important assignment was no happenstance. Luxembourgers, like postal officials and philatelists all over the world, long have recognized him as preeminently qualified to handle it.

In Kehr, the Luxembourger recognized a trained writer and experienced philatelist. But journalistic skill and philatelic knowledge alone were not the only qualities which prompted Mr. Raus to select him. It is because our guest editor intimately knows the Grand Duchy and its people; its postal administration and its stamp policies.

Like the four previous "specials" — and those yet to appear in Linn's during the coming months — this Luxembourg Edition is not merely an accumulation of material previously published elsewhere and simply rehashed.

A year has passed since the first outline of its contents was submitted, with a list of the titles of subjects desired. Since that time the Postal Administration selected the authors to supply the individual articles; persons who are well qualified to write them.

Many of the photographs were personally taken by the guest editor and included to supplement the text to give readers a better idea of the Grand Duchy's scenic grandeur.



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Canada Officials — In studying an old release of the Post Office dealing with quantities of stamps issued between 1935 and 1951, some very interesting figures were shown regarding stamps overprinted for official use. Although mention of these facts has been made previously, they bear repeating in view of the phenomenal rise in price of some of the high face value stamps.

Let us consider only the 50c and \$1 values, as the largest catalog advances have been made by these varieties. The information supplied deals only with the stamps which were overprinted, and not with the interesting and often scarce perforated initials varieties, collecting of which is quite popular among Canadians.

The issues can be divided into two classifications: those overprinted "OHMS" in 1949-50, and the later type from 1950 to the present, bearing the overprint "G". During the period 1949-50, five high value stamps were released, two 50c denominations and three \$1 varieties, all of which had less than 100,000 issued. Scott's No. 024 is not being considered in this discussion, for the number issued was much higher than the others.

Of the 50c stamps, the most expensive is the 1949 Lumbering ad-

upward, as only slightly more than three times as many were released.

Of even more interest are the \$1 values. The so-called Peace issue of 1946, showing a Train Ferry, was used for both types of overprint. In 1949, 65,000 received the "OHMS" and in 1950, 60,000 were marked "G". Yet the catalogue price for the first stamp (O10) is \$8, while the second (O25) is priced at \$13.50. Obviously with a difference of only 5000 stamps in the releases, the prices should be almost the same.

The final \$1 value overprinted "G" was the Fisherman stamp (O27), released in 1951, to be replaced in 1953 by the current variety (O32). Only 40,000 "Fisherman" were issued and it is priced at \$12.50. True enough, this is 10,000 more than the Lumbering stamp, but the face value is twice as much. And there were 20,000 fewer released than O25!

What is the answer? Is O9 overpriced or are the others, particularly O27, underpriced? A glance at the table below might be helpful. Let us not forget that all five were released in very small quantities for this day and age. Incidentally, one speculates upon the number of used copies available.

Face Value	Scott Number	Quantity Issued	Cat. Price
50c	O9	30,000	\$25.00
50c	O11	95,000	3.50
\$1	O10	65,000	8.00
\$1	O25	60,000	13.50
\$1	O27	40,000	12.50

New Zealand — The new commemorative for the Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree has just been released. This event which is being held in Auckland is expected to be well attended by scouts from all parts of New Zealand. Contingents from Australia and other countries are anticipated.

Australia — New 1d purple and 4d red postage stamps portraying Her Majesty will be issued at all post offices February 2. They will replace those of similar denominations in earlier Queen's Head designs and will be of similar size.

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